

572.1 Definitions and rules of construction.

For the purpose of this chapter:

1. “*Building*” shall be construed as if followed by the words “erection, or other improvement upon land”.

2. “*Labor*” means labor completed by the claimant.

3. “*Material*” shall, in addition to its ordinary meaning, include machinery, tools, fixtures, trees, evergreens, vines, plants, shrubs, tubers, bulbs, hedges, bushes, sod, soil, dirt, mulch, peat, fertilizer, fence wire, fence material, fence posts, tile, and the use of forms, accessories, and equipment furnished by the claimant.

4. “*Owner*” means the record titleholder and every person for whose use or benefit any building, erection, or other improvement is made, having the capacity to contract, including guardians.

5. “*Owner-occupied dwelling*” means the homestead of an owner, as defined in section 561.1, and without respect to the value limitations in section 561.3, and actually occupied by the owner or the spouse of the owner, or both. “*Owner-occupied dwelling*” includes a newly constructed dwelling to be occupied by the owner as a homestead, or a dwelling that is under construction and being built by or for an owner who will occupy the dwelling as a homestead.

6. “*Subcontractor*” shall include every person furnishing material or performing labor upon any building, erection, or other improvement, except those having contracts directly with the owner.

[C51, §982; R60, §1866, 1871; C73, §2144, 2146; C97, §3096, 3097; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §10270; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §572.1; 81 Acts, ch 186, §1]

98 Acts, ch 1142, §1; 2007 Acts, ch 83, §1, 2